

"TMs event, though pains were taken to keep it secret, became the subject of conversation in the castle of Selmm-brunn. In the evening the Emperor sent for me and said, 'Bapp, the affair of this morning is very extraordinary. I cannot believe that this young man of himself conceived the design of assassinating me. There is something under it. I shall never be persuaded that the intriguers of Berlin and Weimar are strangers to the affair.'<sup>7</sup> — 'Sire, allow me to say that your suspicions appear unfounded. Staps has had no accomplice; his placid countenance, and even his fanaticism, are evident proofs of that.' — <I tell you that he has been instigated by women : furies thirsting for revenge. If I could only obtain proof of it I would have them seized in the midst of their Court/ — ' Ah, Sire, it is impossible that either man or woman in the Courts of Berlin or Weimar could have, conceived so atrocious a design.'<sup>3</sup>— 'I am not sure of that. Did not those women excite Schill against us while we, were at peace with Prussia? but stay a little,; wo shall sew.' — 'Schill's enterprise, Sire, boars no resemblance to this attempt.' You know how the Emperor likes every one to yield to his opinion when he has adopted one which ho does not choose to give up; so he said, rather changing his tone, of good-humored familiarity, 'All you say is in vain, Monsieur le General: lam not liked either at 'Berlin or Wuimar.'—'There is no doubt of that, Sire ; but because you are not liked in these two Courts, is it to be inferred that thoy would assassinate you ?' — 'L know the fury of those women; but patience. Write to General Lauer: direct him to interrogate Staps. Tell him to bring him to a confession/

"I wrote conformably with tin\*. Emperor's orders, but no confession was obtained from Staps. In his examination by General Lauer he repeated nearly what he had said in tho presence of Napoleon. His resignation and Firmness never forsook him fora moment; and ho persisted in saying that he was the sole author of the attempt, and that no one else was aware of it. Staps's enterprise made a deep impression on the Emperor. On the day when we left Hohmnbrunn we happened to be alone, and ho said to

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